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At the end of the frame, Canton was within 36-31. Suddenly, the tide had changed.

"It was definitely frustrating there for a while," Huber said. "There were a few minutes where we couldn't believe what was happening, but we couldn't get too frazzled."

On three occasions in the fourth quarter, the C-Hawks trimmed the Dakota Valley lead down to two points — twice using three-pointers to do so.

Finding no success down low against a taller Dakota Valley front-line, the C-Hawks instead relied on long-range shots.

"We realized that's how we could stick with them," Canton coach Adam Dannenbring said. "Wall makes such a big difference in the paint. It's almost pointless to even try going down there."

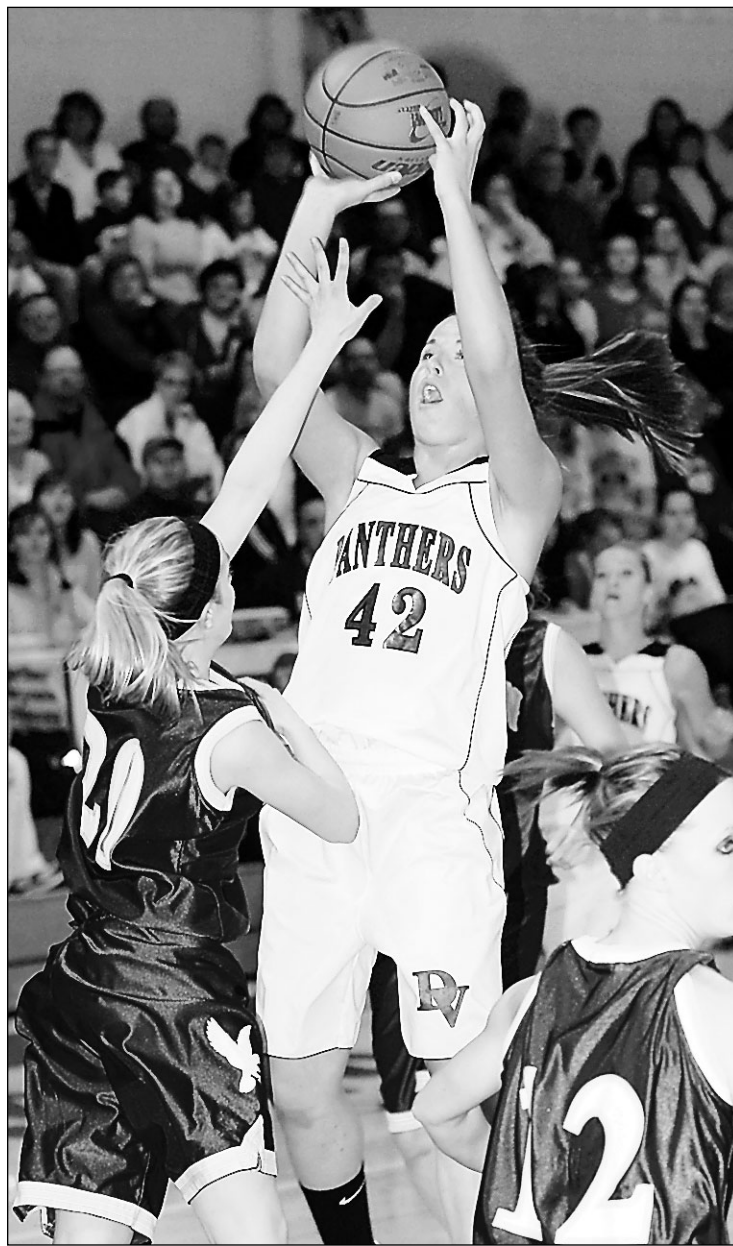
Wall, a University of North Dakota, dominated the game on a number of fronts. The senior scored a game-high 24 points to go along with 24 rebounds and six blocks.

"It feels incredible; definitely hard to describe," she said of the win. "We've worked so hard to get here. It was our main goal all season. This is like a dream."

That dream will continue for a Dakota Valley squad coming off a 9-13 record last season. Pairings will be announced later for the Class A Tournament, which will be held March 11-13 in Aberdeen.

"Getting to state was our No. 1 goal all season," Huber said. "We were pretty confident all year we could have a shot."

In the loss for the C-Hawks, who finish the season 10-11, Ulmer recorded 19 points, seven rebounds, seven steals and five assists. Miller added nine points and Kylie Gaugenbaugh added six rebounds.



Dakota Valley's Taylor Neff (42) shoots a jumper over Canton defender Abby Fossum during the second quarter of Tuesday night's Region 4A final in Beresford.

Ultimately, the overriding talk after the game was of Dakota Valley's free throw performance. "I'm really proud of our girls," Dannenbring said. "They hung

tough and gave us a good chance to win this game. But you've got to applaud a team as mature as Dakota Valley for hitting those free throws."

Colorado Ends 36-Game Big 12 Road Slide, 81-68

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Reserve forward Casey Crawford had career highs with 20 points and six 3-pointers, and Colorado ended its 36-game Big 12 road losing streak with an 81-68 victory over lowly Nebraska on Tuesday night.

Alec Burks and Cory Higgins added 19 points apiece and Marcus Relphorde 12 for the Buffaloes (14-15, 5-10 Big 12).

Jorge Brian Diaz had 15 points, Lance Jeter 14 and Ryan Anderson 10 for the Cornhuskers (14-16, 2-13).

Colorado had runs of 19-4 in the first half and 19-5 in the second. After Crawford hit his sixth 3, put-

ting the Buffaloes up 65-45 with 7:48 left, fans started leaving the Devaney Sports Center.

Colorado's previous Big 12 road win was an 80-78 overtime victory at Oklahoma State on Jan. 21, 2006.

Tuesday's win also ended Colorado's 28-game road losing streak against Division I opponents.

The Buffaloes' last road win of any kind was 73-70 over Colorado State on Dec. 22, 2007.

Crawford, who averages 4.2 points a game, seemed to catch the Huskers by surprise. He was 1 for 3 on 3s with five points in Colorado's 72-60 win in January.

The 6-foot-9, 245-pound junior

was left open as Nebraska tried to concentrate its defensive efforts on Burks and Higgins.

Crawford, who hadn't scored more than 10 points in a game, made his first 3 during a 12-0 spurt in the first half. He made four straight 3s in the second half as the Buffaloes' lead grew to 20 points.

Colorado won in spite of being out rebounded 40-20.

But the Buffaloes finished with a season-high 12 3-pointers and shot 62 percent from the field.

The Huskers, down 35-28 at half, closed to 46-40 with 13:40 left. But then Colorado went on its 19-5 run to put the game out of reach.

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"All of those things were things that happened to us in that half," he said. "They played physical with us and we didn't deal well with the physicality."

Most of the Bucks turnovers in the first half came as a result of trying to push the ball inside.

"We tried to get it in down low because they are only just a little bit taller than us," Berry said. "We just had nine turnovers in the first half, and we didn't take of the ball at all in the first half."

In the third quarter, the Bucks got a few big baskets from Walsh, who opened up the half with a lay-up to put Yankton down by four.

The Lynx responded with back-to-back three's from Tyler Trevino, but Walsh answered with a three of his own to keep the game from getting out of hand.

Yankton then got a three-point play from Berry and another

Walsh three put the Bucks down 26-24.

Bryan Brown stopped the Bucks short 6-0 run with an easy lay-up, but once again, Walsh hit another shot from beyond the arc to pull Yankton within one at 28-27.

Mack Driscoll hit a three of his own to ensure Brandon Valley kept the lead at 31-27 before Derrick Nelson's bucket finished off the third quarter scoring with Yankton down 31-29.

However, Brandon Valley started the fourth quarter on an 8-1 run for a 38-30, and even though Yankton cut the lead to six a little later, the Bucks couldn't overcome the run and lost 51-42 to the Lynx.

Gross said he thought the team looked good at the end of the third quarter, but Brandon Valley's run to start the fourth quarter was too much to overcome.

"They started the fourth quarter off well and we dug ourselves a little bit of a hole, and we couldn't score ourselves," he said. "That hurt us, and we were climbing an uphill battle throughout and once we seemed to get there, we had a little let-

down and they stretched their lead out again."

Brandon Valley had four players score in double-figures, led by Brown, who had 14 points. Austin Sumner followed with 12 points and six rebounds and Tyler Trevino and Ben Schultz had 11 points each.

Yankton was led by Walsh, who scored 16 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Because of the loss, Yankton will have to travel to Sioux Falls Friday to take on Sioux Falls Washington and Brandon Valley will host Sioux Falls Lincoln with both games tipping off at 7:30 p.m.

Gross said the game is a chance for his team to respond to this loss.

"I'm disappointed in our effort and we plan to make up for it on Friday," he said. "It will be a tough game for us up at Sioux Falls Washington."

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District 13A

Gregory 53, Platte-Geddes 46

PLATTE — The Gregory Gorillas one had a three point lead going into the final but it would be enough to edge Platte-Geddes 53-46 in the semifinals of the District 13A Tournament Tuesday night in Platte.

Adam Mikkelsen posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Gorillas (10-10), while Aaron Smith added 17 points. Nate Schmitz had a strong game with 15 points.

For the Black Panthers (10-11), Clay Sohler notched 16 points, while Thad Campbell added 15 points.

Gregory will play one-seed Winner in the District 13A championship Thursday night in Bonesteel.

GREGORY (10-10).....14 26 34 53
PLATTE-GEDDES (10-11).....8 17 31 46

District 9A

Tri-Valley 69, West Central 54

COLTON — Tri-Valley scored 24 points in the first quarter and would go on to win their first round in the District 9A Tournament over West Central 69-54 Tuesday night in Colton.

Jace Eckstaine tallied 20 points to lead the Mustangs, while Trae Bergh put up 13 points and eight assists. Darren Page scored 12 points, while Cameron Krump nabbed 12 rebounds. Brette Page's seven assists round-

ing out the leaderboard for Tri-Valley.

For West Central, Mike Wenk racked up 18 points, six rebounds and three assists. Aaron Johnson scored 11 points, while Devin Albers put up 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Seth Wolles added four assists in the loss.

Tri-Valley will play one-seed Chester Area for the District 9A championship in Tota.

TRI-VALLEY.....24 40 52 69
WEST CENTRAL.....11 24 39 54

District 10B

Mount Vernon 58, Kimball 37

MOUNT VERNON — The Mount Vernon Mustangs took a 10 point lead going into the half and would continue on to defeat the Kimball Kiotes 58-37 Tuesday night in Mount Vernon.

Kyle Weiss commanded the game with 30 points for the Mustangs (14-6), while Jonathon Nebelsick added 18 points and two assists in the win.

For the Kiotes (7-12), Trevor Reinesch scored 12 points, while Jesse Taylor put up 10 points and two assists in the loss.

Mount Vernon will play one-seed Mitchell Christian at the Corn Palace for the District 10B semifinals on Thursday.

KIMBALL (7-12).....4 20 28 37
MOUNT VERNON (14-6).....12 30 40 58

District 5A

Elkton-Lake Benton 84, Flandreau Public 76

ELKTON — Zach Trautman's all-around performance helped lead the Elkton-Lake Benton Elks past Flandreau Public 84-76 in the semifinals of the District 5A Tournament Tuesday night in Elkton.

Trautman had 22 points, five assist, four rebounds and four steals, while Jared Schindler added 14 points and five assists for the Elks (15-6).

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For the Filers (12-9), Russ Hendrickson posted 34 points, while Jacob Patterson added 18 points.

Elkton-Lake Benton will play one-seed Madison in the District 5A championship on Friday at the Elmen Center in Sioux Falls.

ELKTON-LAKE BENTON (15-6).....22 42 60 84
FLANDREAU PUBLIC (12-9).....12 33 48 76

District 3B

Estelline 62, Arlington 58

ESTELLINE — The Estelline Redmen had enough offense to edge Arlington 62-58 in

the District 3B Tournament Tuesday night in Estelline.

Blake Saathoff led the Redmen (14-6) with 22 points, while Josh Licht scored 17 points. Brandon Krein put up 10 points in the win.

For the Cardinals (11-9), Terran Chapin tallied 21 points and five steals, while Darrik Bunker added 14 points in the loss.

Estelline will play Castlewood for the District 3B championship on Saturday in Brookings.

ARLINGTON (11-9).....8 21 35 58
ESTELLINE (14-6).....15 32 46 52

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